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Plants with Modified Fatty Acid Composition

Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the
following amendments in the above-captioned application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.